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The Town

Select Board Announces New Meeting Time

The Monterey Select Board has announced the following change in its regular meeting schedule, effective immediately: The Select Board will meet every Monday from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon at the Town Offices (except for legal holidays). The Board is also available to meet on Monday evening by appointment only.

Town Meeting and Town Election Results

About 100 citizens participated in the Annual Town Meeting held on Saturday morning, May 4, at the Firehouse, and about 150 citizens voted in the Town Election held the same day. In a special Town Meeting preceding the annual meeting, voters approved the transfer of the unspent balance of \$20,000 from the Snow and Sand Account for Fiscal Year 2001-02 to Free Cash.

Town Hall Addition Approved:
The first of two articles of special interest

on the warrant concerned the appropriation of \$185,000 for the completion of the Town Hall addition. After architect David Bixby presented the plans for the addition, most of the discussion centered on whether or not a vault for Town records should be included as part of the addition at this time. The plans presented include a room intended for Town records that meets the special structural requirements so that a vault can be installed later, but do not include the vault. Town Clerk Barbara Swann once again stressed her concern about the current lack of proper



Children from Monterey School leading the Color Guard in Memorial Day parade.

storage for Town records and proposed an amendment to the article adding funding for the vault. After both the Finance Committee and the Select Board recommended against the amendment because it would disrupt the funding plans and the vault can be easily added later, the amendment was defeated. The original article was approved by a large margin. In a related article on the Town Election ballot, voters approved by a vote of 95-58 that the Town be allowed to exempt the amount needed to pay for the Town Hall addition from the provisions of Proposition 2½.

Fire Truck Purchase Approved in Close Vote: The second article of special interest, and the one that drew by far the most discussion of the day, concerned the appropriation of \$358,000 for the purchase of a new fire truck. In the discussion, which was sometimes heated, several citizens, while not questioning the need for a new truck, did wonder if the proposed truck was more elaborate than needed and might be too heavy for dirt roads. Fire Chief Ray Tryon assured the meeting that the proposed truck is what the Town needs for the future, pointing out the value of the six-man cab and the need to be able to carry additional water since many new homes are not close to water supplies. In a secret vote, the appropriation for the new truck was approved by a vote of 46-43. In a separate article, voters approved the appropriation of \$50,000 to equip the new truck.

However, the related article on the Town Election ballot asking that the amount needed to pay for the fire truck be exempted from the provisions of Proposition 2½ was defeated by a margin of 82-71. This means that, while the purchase is approved, the purchase price must be fitted in the normal Town budget. Both the Select Board and the Finance Committee feel that this should be possible without adversely affecting the Town budget or the tax levy, since the

Town's finances are in good shape and, in separate warrant articles, voters approved the application of \$300,000 from the Stabilization Fund and \$65,000 from Free Cash to reduce the tax levy.

All other articles on the warrant passed easily, including the biggest budget item, the school budget assessment of \$830,235. The meeting ended a little before noon.

Town Officers Elected: In the only contested race in the Town Election, Jim Edelman defeated Leroy Thorpe 78-74 for a three-year seat on the Park Commission. The vote tallies for the unopposed candidates for other offices were: Jon Sylbert, 120 votes for Select Board (3 years); Peter Murkett, 131 votes for Board of Appeals (5 years); Mark Makuc, 148 votes for Board of Appeals (1-year unexpired term created by resignation); Mark Makuc, 147 votes for Moderator (1 year); Laurie Shaw, 107 votes, and Linda Thorpe, 134 votes, for Library Trustees (3 years); James Bracken, 119 votes for Board of Assessors (3 years); Stan Ross, 128 votes for Finance Committee (3 years); Maggie Leonard, 135 votes for Planning Board (5 years); Kathie Tryon, 130 votes for Board of Health (3 years); Roger Tryon, 120 votes for Tree Warden (1 year); Jane Thorn, Cemetery Commission (3 years).

Select Board News

Except for the Town Meeting it was a relatively quiet month for the Select Board. In the first meeting of the month, Jonathan Sylbert was sworn in and welcomed as a new member. Muriel Lazzarini

was elected as the Chair. New hours for the weekly Select Board meeting were also decided upon (see above).

Vacancies On Town Boards Filled:

Claudia Weldon was appointed by the Select Board to the Planning Board to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Jonathan Sylbert. Leroy Thorpe was appointed to fill one of the two vacancies on the Park Commission created by the resignations of Denise Andrus and Ron McMahon. The other seat has not yet been appointed; interested citizens should contact the Select Board. The terms of appointed positions is until the next Town Election in May 2003.

Beach Cleanup Assigned to Highway Department:

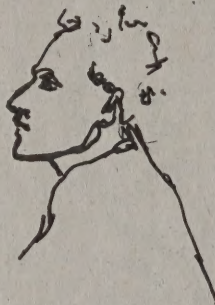
This summer the Town Beach will be cleaned by the Highway Department. The Select Board decided that the members of the Park Commission should not have to be personally responsible for the upkeep of Town properties. Last summer Denise Andrus and Rick Andrus cleaned the beach daily.

Police Officer Recruitment: Police Chief Gareth Backhaus discussed the recent history of officer recruitment and the difficulty of securing part-time officers. He is looking into the possibility of applying for federal grant monies to hire an officer.

Land Trust Tree Donation

The Monterey Land Trust is making a donation to the Town of \$1,500 to purchase trees to be planted around town.

— Chandler Crawford and Will Marsh



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The Bidwell House Announces New Director and Summer Program

Maria Carvainis, President of The Bidwell House, is pleased to announce the appointment of Candace A. Thayer as the new Resident Executive Director, effective June 1. Ms. Thayer will be receiving her Bachelor's Degree in Sociology, with a concentration in Anthropology, on May 26, 2002, from Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts. Candace is a longtime resident of northern Berkshire County who has interned at various museums in the area. She looks forward to producing programs and exhibits that will highlight the historical importance of The Bidwell House within the context of New England history, as well as the legacy of Mr. Jack Hargis and Mr. David Brush, the former owners and restorers of The Bidwell House.

The Bidwell House has scheduled the following summer programs, all of which are open to the public:

Saturday, July 27: David Graves of Berkshire Berries will explore Bees and Beekeeping. Mr. Graves has been profiled in such publications as *The New York Times* and *Saveur* for his urban beekeeping on the high-rise buildings of Manhattan.

Saturday, September 7: Darryl A. Perkins, President of the Massachusetts

Hawk and Falcon Trust and author of the forthcoming book *Understanding Goshawks*, will present a program on Falconry.

Saturday, September 28: Artist and naturalist Sarah Grant will conduct a Nature Walk/Nature Journaling Workshop.

Saturday, October 19: Apple cider pressing and open house to mark the end of the museum season.

The museum will be open for tours beginning June 1, Tuesday through Saturday and holidays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. At other times, the museum may also be viewed by appointment.

For more information about the museum, please call The Bidwell House (413) 528-6888, or you can visit our web site at www.bidwellhousemuseum.org.

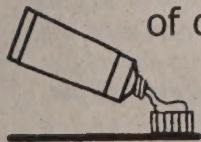


Bob Heath and Bill Bell raising the flag at Memorial Day observance at Veterans Memorial Park.

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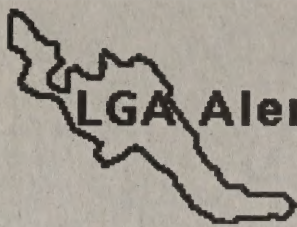
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LGA Alerts

- **LGA General Meetings**
9-11 a.m. at the Firehouse
June 15, 9-11 a.m.
Everyone in Monterey invited.
- **A Call for Entries:**
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of Lake Garfield,
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528-8217 for details
- **LakeFest 2002—Save the Date**
Saturday, August 17
(rain date August 24)

LGA To Float Info For Beach Lovers

If you love your lake and your beach this is no time to have your head in the sand. Get the latest scoop on the public boat ramp, additional beach parking and other lake-related happenings at the next Lake Garfield Association (LGA) meeting. Show up on June 15 at the Firehouse from 9 to 11 a.m.

As far as the boat ramp goes, it's coming. The questions are "how," "where," and "when." There are still many decisions to be made in which you can

participate. Here's the "why": State law states that bodies of water over a certain size (that's us) are state property and must be open to use by all state residents. Will that mean we need additional parking? At the meeting LGA will give you information on these and other questions. We also hope to have a town official to give us an update.

LGA's mission is to be informative, not inflammatory. The meeting is meant to spell things out, not duke it out. Because there are so many members with diverse views, the association attempts to avoid advocacy positions but rather to make sure that each member who wishes to express an opinion on a specific topic of concern does so from an informed standpoint. We'll also let you know the town and state officials to make your opinions known to, should you so desire.

Other meeting agenda items include; current information on the health of Lake Garfield, election of officers, and a discussion about LakeFest 2002, scheduled for Saturday, August 17, for which megaplanes are in the making.

Please, come to the meeting. Get your feet wet. Join an LGA committee that works on something you feel passionate about. We currently have a hard-working, fun-loving group, and we could sure use some additional able-bodied men and women—maybe even a few kids.

David Dashiell to Speak at Historical Society

David Dashiell will be the speaker at the next meeting of the Monterey Historical Society on Friday, June 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the General Knox Museum wing at the Monterey Library. David's talk is entitled "Where Did They Go? Sanitation in Western Civilization." It is a lively (and tasteful) look at a subject that is a part of everyone's life but is rarely taken seriously. Richly illustrated with slides, the presentation looks at how this important and difficult issue has been handled over the centuries, with an emphasis on sanitation practices in America up to the end of the nineteenth century.

David is an architectural historian whose twenty-year career has included experience in archaeology, archives, and historic site management. He has worked in museums in Virginia, Pennsylvania, and the Berkshires, and is currently Editorial Director at The Mount, Edith Wharton's home in Lenox.

You can visit the LGA website www.lakegarfield.org for updates, general information, photos from LakeFest 2001, and past articles from the esteemed *Monterey News*.

— Hy Rosen



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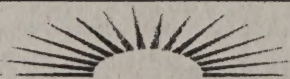
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Community Dinner Set for June 13

What a warm and wonderful evening it was! First the food, fulfilling as always. Abundant and abounding with good taste. (Whoever made those crispy outside, juicy inside chicken spring rolls with tangy guacamole, you sure know the way to man's heart.)

Before dessert was dished out, Susan Andersen's kindergarten class served up a poignant poetry recital. This well versed, totally adorable ensemble truly did Robert Frost, A. A. Milne, and Emily Dickinson proud. After a rousing round of applause, ice cream and a towering three-tier cake, baked by the very versatile Steve Snyder, were enjoyed by all.

June's Community Dinner promises to be another extravaganza. Along with the magic of Monterey's culinary expertise, Myrna Rosen will be demonstrating Ikebana. No, it's not an Asian dish. It's the ancient art of Japanese flower arranging. Myrna, with her husband, Hy, (who's writing the article), lived in Japan for two years. She has flower arranging degrees from both the Sogetsu School and the O'Hara School. After her twenty-minute demonstration you, yes you, will be able to make beautiful arrangements for your home.

Will Marsh



Bagpipers and drummer performing in Memorial Day parade.

Don't miss the next dinner on June 13 at 6:00 p.m. sharp, in the Meeting-house fellowship hall. Hot and cold beverages will be provided. Bring a dish that serves 8-10 people. Please bring your own plates and silverware. And, by all means, bring your best appetite.

— Hy Rosen



Summer Reading Program at Monterey Library

Once again the Monterey Library will sponsor a summer reading program for children 4-12 years of age. As children read throughout the summer, they keep track of their progress on reading logs that can be redeemed for prizes at the library. Children who are not yet reading can participate by having an adult or older child read to them. It's a great way to encourage children to read over the summer and to maintain those skills needed for school success. This year's reading program is called A STAR SPANGLED SUMMER and is part of the statewide reading program sponsored by the Massachusetts Regional Library System. The program will begin on July 6 and end on August 31. All you need to do is bring your children to the library, get a reading log and help them celebrate the joy of reading. Watch for the summer reading program display in the library!



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Thoughts on Trash

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- Smoke—a lot! I must have picked up a hundred cigarette packs.
- Don't think cigarette butts are trash. They numbered in the thousands.
- Drink a lot of beer! Just American beer, no imports. Counted the beer cans in the thousands
- Also drink a lot of soda. One soda can for every three beer cans. These people must prefer their soda and beer in cans, not bottles, because I found only about twenty glass bottles.
- Get tons of fast food, and drink many cups of coffee. Also in the hundreds.
- Don't like yogurt or juice. I only found one yogurt container and two juice containers.

Who are these people? I'm tired of picking up after them!!! Amidst all this trash, wild oats are leafing out, wild geraniums and partridge berries are appearing, song sparrows are singing, and Canada geese are flying over.

So, people, whoever you are, please! Stop throwing trash onto our beautiful woods and fields.

Thanks.

— Sue Protheroe

Household Hazardous Waste Collection on June 8

A Household Hazardous Waste collection is planned for sixteen South Berkshire Towns on June 8 in Lee. Residents from the Towns of Alford, Becket, Egremont, Great Barrington, Lee, Lenox, Monterey, Mount Washington, New Marlborough, Otis, Richmond, Sheffield, Stockbridge, Tyringham, Washington, and West Stockbridge may participate. The program is free to residents.

The collection will take place on Saturday, June 8 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lee Department of Public Works, 45 Railroad Street (near the Post Office). Residents are required to preregister with the Center for Ecological Technology (CET) prior to the collection event.

Any product that has a label that says "caution, toxic, poison, flammable" can be brought to the collection and should not be discarded in the trash. Paint thinners and solvents, pesticides, drain cleaners, and gasoline are a few examples of acceptable material. The average American household generates approximately twenty pounds of hazardous waste a year. Proper disposal reduces air and water pollution and helps to protect public health and the environment. For more information about what can be brought to the collection, go to <http://www.cetonline.org/Events/events.htm> or call CET.

Latex paint will not be accepted. Empty or dried up cans of latex paint can

Looking for American Chestnut Trees

The American Chestnut Tree Foundation has undertaken an ambitious and well-conducted effort to develop and distribute trees that are resistant or immune to the chestnut tree blight that killed off virtually all the magnificent chestnuts in the United States many years ago.

In this area there are many small to medium trees surviving. Most are sprouts from old roots, and almost all die before reaching an age to bear fruit. However, a few hearty ones do grow large enough to flower. These are the ones the Chestnut Tree Foundation is looking for.

If you find such trees, American chestnuts that flower (in late June), or know of any that have flowered in the past, please call Mary Brock at 528-3510 or Bob Rausch at 528-3219. They will alert the people working to save the trees. Perhaps you can be part of this dream.

If you just want information on the American Chestnut Foundation you can write: Mass. Chapter of the American Chestnut Foundation, 23 Marlene Dr., Feeding Hills, MA 01030-1115. Their website is www.acf.org.

be disposed of with the regular trash.

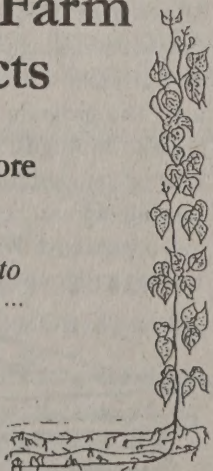
For more information about the event and to preregister, call (CET) at 1-800-238-1221, (413) 445-4556 or e-mail jamiac@cetonline.org.

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Cracker Barrel Bunch Visits Fish Hatchery

The so called Cracker Barrel Bunch that used to gather almost every morning in the back of the Monterey General Store for coffee and Kay Pratt's pastry relocated to the basement of the Congregational Church, after the store closed its doors. The new location marked the beginning of a very meaningful and lucrative source of income for the church, as well as the start of a new sense of community belonging for members, which seemed to meld nicely with the start of community dinners there.

More recently the original group of some seven or eight regulars has grown to twice that number, and new members have brought about a coalition with other Monterey activities, including the support of programs of the Berkshire Hatchery Foundation. Through the interest and generosity of a matching grant from the Lake Garfield Association, the group will help operate the Hatchery facilities this summer, using local help as well as

George Emmons



The Cracker Barrel Bunch inspecting the Fish Hatchery.

students from Kolburne School in Southfield. On May 6, the expanded membership was treated to coffee and donuts and an educational tour of the Hatchery and its facilities. Now that Hatchery Director Ken Bergstrom is back on the job, with a very able assistant in Keith Wilde, there is also a plan afoot to have the Hatchery supply trout for a fishing derby at LakeFest.

What is on the horizon? A link to the Veteran's Association of Monterey is under discussion, and a \$300 donation has been made to the Veterans Memorial Park. If the Cracker Barrel Bunch are experts at the fine art of discussion, they are also proving the old adage that actions speak louder than words.

— George Emmons



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CET Assists Dairy Farms with Renewable Energy

The Center for Ecological Technology (CET) has received a two-year grant to work with dairy farms and orchards in Berkshire County to increase energy efficiency and explore the potential for implementing renewable energy technologies. Funding for this \$80,000 project comes from the Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education program (SARE) of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Economic pressures on farms are such that over 11,000 acres of agricultural land in Berkshire County has been lost in the last decade. Rising costs, lack of stable income and pressure to sell off farmland for development continue to make farming an endangered profession. Farms of western Massachusetts, by virtue of their large open fields and sometimes rolling hills, may have the potential to generate nonpolluting electricity while continuing to harvest food and maintain the scenic and environmental values of a farm landscape. Renewable electricity production could prove to be a way for some farmers to harvest a new "crop" and become more financially viable.

In response to inquiries from several local farmers interested in using renewable energy systems, CET and UMass Extension assembled an advisory committee with farmers, representatives from electric utility companies, and state agricultural agencies to apply for funding to research the viability of the technologies

locally. The project will focus initially on farms that have large electric loads, such as dairies and orchards that depend on refrigeration.

"Before thinking about investing in renewable technologies, it is essential to increase energy efficiency," explained Nancy Nylen, Associate Director of CET. "So, we will start by conducting energy audits for interested farmers to assess efficiency and recommend improvements."

Recent technological developments can improve farm productivity as well as offer energy savings. Using energy efficient lighting to extend lighting in barns can boost milk production without increasing costs. After assessing energy efficiency improvements, farmers will work with CET to determine whether their farm has resources, such as large south-facing barn roofs, open fields, and hills, that could be potential sites for generating clean, renewable energy. Farmers will learn if their land has adequate resources to make a reasonable investment in renewable technology. They will also receive assistance in researching financing opportunities. Information will be passed on to the agricultural community through site visits and workshops.

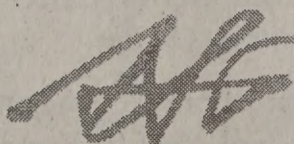
"Dairy farms have energy demands that run around the clock, including ventilation, operating the milking parlor, and refrigeration," observed David Klausmeyer of High Lawn Farm. "For the entire time that milk is at High Lawn, refrigeration is necessary, whether we are processing, packaging, or storing the milk. If we can reduce our energy bills

through efficiencies, that would certainly help sustain our operation."

Through the creation of demonstration projects using renewable technologies, CET and UMass Extension Agroecology Program will pioneer a process through which, over time, more farms may be able to stay financially viable while providing necessary and environmentally preferable electricity. The demonstration projects will also serve to educate farmers and the wider agricultural community about these technologies and their application to farms.

For more information, please contact Nancy Nylen or Ruth Dinerman at CET 1-800-238-1221 or Cathy Roth at UMass Extension Agroecology Program (413) 623-6053.

CET is a nonprofit energy and resource conservation organization that has served western Massachusetts since 1976. UMass Extension is an outreach arm of UMass, Amherst. Its agroecology program combines agricultural production and environmental protection in assisting growers to provide food for the Commonwealth.



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Senator Says Statewide Anti-Terrorism Unified Response Network

Since the September 11th attacks, the commonwealth has begun to design a public system to prevent and address future acts of terrorism. Federal, state, and local officials have identified several prevention and response measures that would benefit through a greater collaboration of public safety resources. No longer will the system rely upon a top-down approach, in which local agencies and emergency responders sometimes found themselves on the bottom looking up at a distant bureaucracy. Rather, this new approach recognizes the critical role of local officials and residents and uses an effective network of communication that is intended to prevent future acts of terrorism.

Former state Senator James P. Jajuga, who was recently appointed Secretary of the Executive Office of Public Safety, has initiated the Statewide Anti-Terrorism Unified Response Network, known as SATURN. The mission of this new program, which the federal Office of Homeland Security has heralded as a national model, is to bring together intelligence,

information-sharing, and first-responder networks that will enhance existing public safety infrastructures. SATURN's success in detecting and preventing terrorist threats will, to a large extent, depend on the coordination of local fire, police and emergency management officials.

Secretary Jajuga, working with U.S. Attorney Michael Sullivan and many others, developed a strategy in which every community across the commonwealth is outfitted with an authorized antiterrorism team. The teams, Red (fire), White (emergency management), and Blue (police), are trained in terrorism prevention and response, and are closely linked to the Massachusetts State Police, the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, the FBI, and the U.S. Attorney's office. Every city and town will send a representative from its fire, emergency management, and police departments to receive comprehensive training in terrorism prevention and response. The participants will then train their respective staffs in their city or town.

Databases have been integrated into law enforcement systems that can be accessed by local, state, and federal authorities. This enables the Red, White, and Blue Teams to distribute real-time alerts about suspicious activities that may be associated with terrorism. If, for example, a threat was uncovered in a small town, the town police department could

instantly notify state and federal authorities with specific information pertaining to the suspect(s). Likewise, if a federal or state agency detected a terrorist threat, the Red, White, and Blue Team in the community would be alerted, and a previously established action plan would immediately be put into place. This is an improvement on the previous response system, in which many local officials were left out of the information-sharing loop. Similarly, the team's ability to promptly disseminate information to other local officials is a tool that will assist response teams around the state.

Aside from relying on local, state, and federal resources, SATURN depends on members of the public to provide law enforcement officials with any information they may have regarding terrorist-related activities. A toll-free Terrorism Tip Line (1-888-USA-5458), which is administered by the State Police's Anti-Terrorism Unit, has been established to encourage the public to report any leads related to potential terrorist threats.

I encourage those interested in learning more about this important issue to visit the SATURN website, at www.mass.gov/SATURN. And, as always, please feel free to contact my district office at (413) 442-6810 with any state-related concerns you may have.

— State Sen. Andrea F. Nuciforo, Jr.



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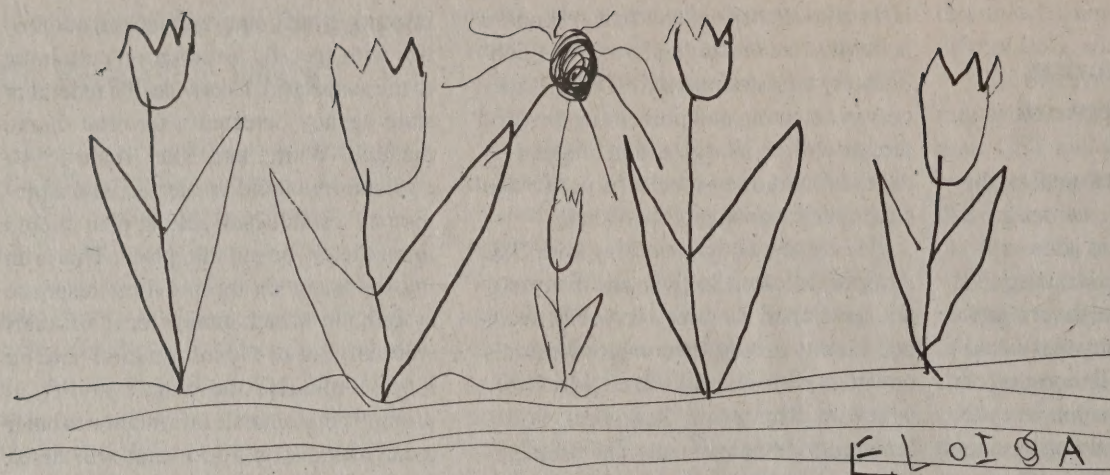
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Santarella Gallery in Tyringham will dedicate its sixth annual show to the memory of Monterey sculptor Paul Perces, who died January 10, 2002, at his New York City home. The show, which opens June 22, will run through the summer season. Montereyans who knew Paul and admired his work are cordially invited to the opening, which will be from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Saturday, June 22, and to visit the show during the summer.

An obituary for Paul will appear in the July *Monterey News*.



Southern Berkshire Family Network June News

This is a partial listing of Family Network events. Please call (413) 528-0721 for more information. All events are held at the Family Center, 940 South Main Street, Great Barrington unless otherwise stated. Families are requested to register for all events and playgroups. In case of bad weather, call the Family Center to learn if event has been cancelled.

June 3, 10, 17, 24. Mondays, Nature Hikes for families and children. June 3, Pleasant Valley Sanctuary, Lenox, sponsored by Richmond Arts Council; June 10, Soda Springs Farm, Sheffield; June 17, Diane's Trail, Monterey; June 24,

Bartholomew's Cobble, Ashley Falls.

June 3, 10, 17, 24. Mondays, Parent-infant drop in. 12:30-2 p.m.

June 10, Debbie Phillips, Nutritionist, Community Health Center will visit.

June 24, Debbie Brantner Jones, Maternal Child Health Nurse will visit.

June 4, Tuesday, LaLeche League Toddler Group Meeting. Call Kim Kaufman, 528-2763. 11 a.m.-12 noon.

June 7, 14, 21, 28. Fridays, Parent-infant drop in. 12:30- 2 p.m.

June 11, Tuesday. Lasagna Dinner, Card Lake Inn, West Stockbridge. To benefit South Berkshire Early Childhood Center. Adults, \$5.00. Children free. Raffle. 5:30-7:30 p.m.

June 13 and 27, Thursdays, Basket making with Wendy Jensen, Make a melon basket. Materials, \$35.00. 6-9 p.m.

June 15, Saturday, Summerfest, Main Street, Great Barrington. Food, activities



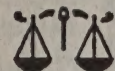
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for families, music and more. Some of the proceeds will benefit Children's Health Program, Inc. 6-9 p.m.

June 18, Tuesday, Volunteer Luncheon, Sweet Peas Restaurant, 12 noon.

June 18, Tuesday, Stepfamilies Meeting, Josie Janssen, MSW, guest speaker. Russell House, 7 p.m.

June 19, Wednesday, Single Parents Playgroup, Lake Mansfield. If rainy, meet at Family Center. Light supper. 5-7 p.m.

June 20, Thursday, Berkshire Botanical Gardens Workshop for 2, 3, 4 year olds. Planting 10 Seeds. Sponsored by the Sandisfield Arts Council. Limit of 12 children. 10:30 a.m.

June 21, Friday, Beginning of Summer Picnic, Soda Springs Farm. Bring covered dish. Entertainment. 5:30-7:30 p.m.

July 1-6. Great Barrington Family Center will be closed.

We are thinking of having one evening drop in for working families. Please let us know if this would be helpful for you.

DROP IN TIMES: Great Barrington Family Center, Monday-Friday, 2-4 p.m.

Families are invited to use the play room, clothing exchange, and lending library. Please call to make an appointment if this time is not convenient for you.

PEOPLE'S PANTRY, St. Peter's Parish Center, corner of East and Cottage Streets, Open every Thursday, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. People's Pantry serves families who reside in South Berkshire County. Please use lower entrance off Russell St., do not park in the Center's driveway.

KID'S CLUBS: The Family Network parents have worked with area churches and social services to initiate two kid's clubs, an occasional care drop-off time on two days a week. The Y Kid's Club is held every Tuesday from 9:15-11:45 a.m. at the Southern Berkshire YMCA space at St. James Church in Great Barrington. Please call Marta at 528-9622 for more information. The Kid's Club in Sheffield meets on every Thursday from 9 a.m.-12 noon at the Old Parish Church. For more information, please call Sally at 229-0392. These programs help to answer a need for short time child care for parents who have appointments or need to shop without children. We thank everyone who helped to make these programs possible.

Lost and Found

A roll of film was found on a picnic table at the Firehouse pavillion after the Memorial Day activities. If you would like to claim it, please call Bonnie at the Town Offices, 528-1443.

PLEASE CALL RESPECTIVE PROGRAMS TO CHECK ON SUMMER SCHEDULING.

The playgroups at the Great Barrington Family Center are limited to 20 children in the play room at one time. Families are invited to use the outdoor area if the play room is full or to return for drop in time. All playgroups meet from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Spring session playgroups will end the week of June 10-14. Playgroups will begin again on July 9.

Tuesdays, June 4, 11. Sandisfield, Community Center; Lee, First Congregational Church.

Wednesdays, June 5, 12. Great Barrington, Family Center for children aged birth-2 years; Becket, Town Hall; Lenox, Community Center.

Fridays, June 7, 14. Otis, Town Hall, lower level.



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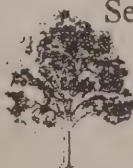
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The Runes of April

*Shadows of barebranched trees
runic athwart the road -
I walk easily up, where I could never climb
their soaring tops,
and touch the insubstantial buds and sing -*

*The trees are very old, now so am I
yet both of us are trusting
this pulsing casting of prophetic spring.*

— A. O. Howell

Acedia

*A cloudy day
like sitting in the mouth
of God*

*part of a long grey song
a green breath
heavy, redolent
of those bright tight fruits
of disappointment*

*tears welling
against that great detachment of air —*

*in a garden of wounds
a contradiction of grasses
a climbing-up among the sated roses*

*I bend to the earth
thorns all the way down.*

— A. O. Howell

Destiny

(for P.C.)

*new leaf gave rise
from cold then gold everywhere
to the ponds first backstroke
and flies black in the blink
of your eyes
picking purslane from between
is something I do better
but no weed intended
around the tiny feet
of your destiny
which color is a matter of choice
and fragrance on weather and whether
the blue birds stand off the swallows
the spade is in your
grape stained hands*

— R. Zukowski

Renewal

*Emerging smartly from their lairs
So full of hope—the summer chairs*

*Stretching, playful, glistening white
Awakened—as though freedom might*

*Now be at hand, as though with sun
They know their winter wait is done*

*Shaking off dull slumber's traces
Now settling in their last year's places*

*They savor every scattered breeze
With gratitude each warm day seize*

*Sensing that, as in the past,
The time to shine can never last*

— Edwin Schur
(originally appeared in *The Lyric*)

Peace Revisited

Another explosion tore
metal and skin
below the Caspian Sea
Yet someone noticed the azure of sky
the softness of air
between the crying
Refugees wander
a vacant pulse among the tents
Yet someone noticed the smile
on a ruffled-haired boy
spinning a stone within the sand
Men rip their fists
screaming in scarlet combat
Yet someone noticed
poetry gently folded
in a shirt
The sun pulses down
in merciless strands
Yet someone noticed the cool cloth
held lightly over the sleeping infant
Another explosion tears
metal and skin
below the Caspian Sea
Yet notice the azure of sky
the softness of air
between the crying
The boy who plants a stone
with dreams of an apricot tree
Men who hide
beauty in their pockets
And a baby
knows peace —
on ripples of white
shading the sun.

— M. Hamilton

Spring – The Resurrection Season

When the flowers that have all winter slept
Push through the warming earth of a new spring,
The trees put on their garments green once more,
And birds return and build their nests and sing;
The butterflies emerge from chrysalids
Which kept them from the winter's chilling cold,
Through a marvelously metamorphic change
Wait in the sunshine 'till their wings unfold.

The brooks run high, and willows' tresses wave
As gentle springtime breezes pass them by;
And peepers raise their voices once again
When stars appear to twinkle in the sky.
SUCH MIRACLES THE SEASONS ALWAYS BRING . . .
ALL NATURE SEEMS TO RESURRECT IN SPRING!

— Eleanor Kimberley



In Memory of Loul McIntosh

Loving
Outstanding
Universe observer
Lover of nature

I miss her

— Kerry Snyder (age 9)

Spring

The openings
are gone,
Filled in,
Deleted.
The lovely sight
of sculptured
Forms
By spring
Defeated.

— Gerry Shapiro

Sex among the Chestnuts

This is early summer. The birds and the bees are doing their famous work, perpetuating their species through a marvelous complexity of behavioral and physiological arrangements that involve art, music, architecture, dance, infanticide, tradition, adaptation, meteorology, loyalty, and, of course, The Act. We can identify with these creatures since we are at least members of the same kingdom (Animalia). We have locomotion, intention. We fall in love and feel pain.

As we travel our scenic byways we can't help noticing that the plants, too, are experiencing springtime. Their systems of procreation do not involve the same kinds of running around that we animals employ, but any gardener babying the seedlings on the windowsill while declaring war on weeds in the raised beds can tell you that plant systems are successful and big. Also, we have some big plants around here, such as might make a bird, a bee, or any other animal feel some respect.

The trees start blooming early, with red maple blossoms in April brightening

the twiggy horizons and then decorating the ground where they fall. Sugar maples, poplars, ash trees, and the conservative oaks follow along with their blossoms and then leaves. We get the changing colors week by week as the blossoms fall and pale new leaves appear, followed by the serious, mature look of the photosynthesizing canopy. It's not over until October, and even then it is not over because it is never over. In the plant kingdom, in the animal kingdom, the great cycle of life rolls around and around, despite certain obstacles. We humans carry big burdens of guilt for our part in disrupting the natural systems on our perfect planet. We go about with heads bowed, full of woe. Sometimes we are weeping so copiously we can't even see the ways our sisters and brothers of the plant and animal kingdom cope with problems. We get the idea that any problem we have kicked up must be so big and brilliant that there is no solution: This is a form of egocentricity, speciocentricity, that does no one any good.

Here follows the tale of sex among the American chestnuts, once the dominant type of tree in these eastern woods. A hundred years ago, every fourth tree was a chestnut, *Castanea dentata*, cousin of the oak and the beech. The male blossoms were long stiff catkins with little yellow flowers all along and the female a

bristling "involucre" which developed into a burr with a nut inside. The leaves were long (ten to twelve inches) and slim, like a canoe, with many long teeth along the edges ("dentata"). They say that in spring if you looked across a valley at a wooded hillside it would be yellow with chestnut blossoms, and the male flowers gave off a strong smell, not pleasant to everyone.

The wood was strong with an open grain. It looked like pale oak and resisted rot even better than oak. The wood made excellent charcoal, and you could take an extract from the bark, add it to iron, and get black ink.

I use the past tense, as if the American chestnut were dead and gone. In fact this is not at all the case! We humans inadvertently brought a fungus to North America with a shipment of oriental chestnuts imported in the late 1800s by the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens. These chestnuts carried the fungus but were not laid low by it. Once it got to New York, its spores were carried on the wind to the native chestnuts, a different species, which were infected through any injuries to the bark. These could be broken branches, woodpecker holes, or holes made by insects laying their eggs. Once under the bark, the fungus sent out its slim hyphae, little hairlike structures, which invaded the cambium and effectively girdled the

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Sincerely, *Linda*

tree. The chestnut made a callus to protect itself, but the fungus, *E. parasitica*, pierced it easily and continued girdling, blocking the flow of nutrients up and down the tree just as surely as a beaver or an axeman who removes the bark.

When the farmers and woodcutters saw the rapid sickening of the chestnuts, they cut them as fast as they could, hoping to get some good timber before the trees were spoiled and rotted. By the 1920s, mature American chestnuts were a thing of the past. No more yellow hillsides in spring, no more nuts for birds, deer, and people to eat at harvest time. No more ripe seeds to carry on the work of all living things: continuation of the species. Sexual reproduction, for the American chestnut, was almost a thing of the past. Any tree growing up from old nuts would be struck down by blight before it was old enough to bloom and produce fertile seeds.

I should say, "almost" any tree. The truth is, there are now and have always been since the blight first hit, some trees that sprout and grow up. They always get sick, except for cases of extreme isolation in which the tree is so far from the nearest fungus-infected chestnut that the spores cannot reach it.

The reason we still have chestnuts sprouting up is that their system of reproduction is not limited to sex, or the combination of male and female sex cells.

Chestnuts can reproduce asexually, without sex. They do this by sending up sprouts from old stumps. These sprouts may grow for years, producing leaves, feeding the little tree and the roots. Finally an abrasion in the bark lets in the

these sprouts are genetically identical to the trees of a hundred years ago that succumbed to the first fungal spores that blew up here from New York. As long as they do not mix genetic material with other individuals, they will never change, never develop resistance.

This talk of "never" is discouraging, but consider this: The trees have never died, in all this time. They come around again and again. Robert Frost wrote in the 1930s:

*Will the blight end the chestnut?
The farmers rather guess not.
It keeps smoldering at the roots
And sending up new shoots.
Till another parasite
Shall come to end the blight.
("Evil Tendencies Cancel")*

In fact, the chestnut scientists are working on this idea. They have found a slightly different strain of the fungus that is not so virulent and won't kill our chestnuts. It can be introduced into the bark of a tree and (as ecologists put it) occupy the niche that the virulent fungus would otherwise settle into. The H-strain beats out the V-strain (H for "hypo-virulent"), and the tree is inoculated, protected. The trouble is, this is only good for one tree

and inoculation is expensive. Our chestnuts are popping up all over the woods, in secret places, and wherever they are, they provide a host for the V-strain, which inexorably searches them out. The fungus can find them where scientists can't go, even if there were funding for every little sprout.

Is the chestnut worried? Not a bit—it is a plant, after all, and besides, it can keep "smoldering at the roots" forever. With roots like these, who needs sex? One of these days a way will open for the mature sex life of the American chestnut. Meanwhile, it has another, safer method of perpetuation. This is asexual reproduction, an underground immortality, with regular, youthful, above-ground appearances. It may not allow genetic mixing, but it is life.

— Bonner J. McAllester

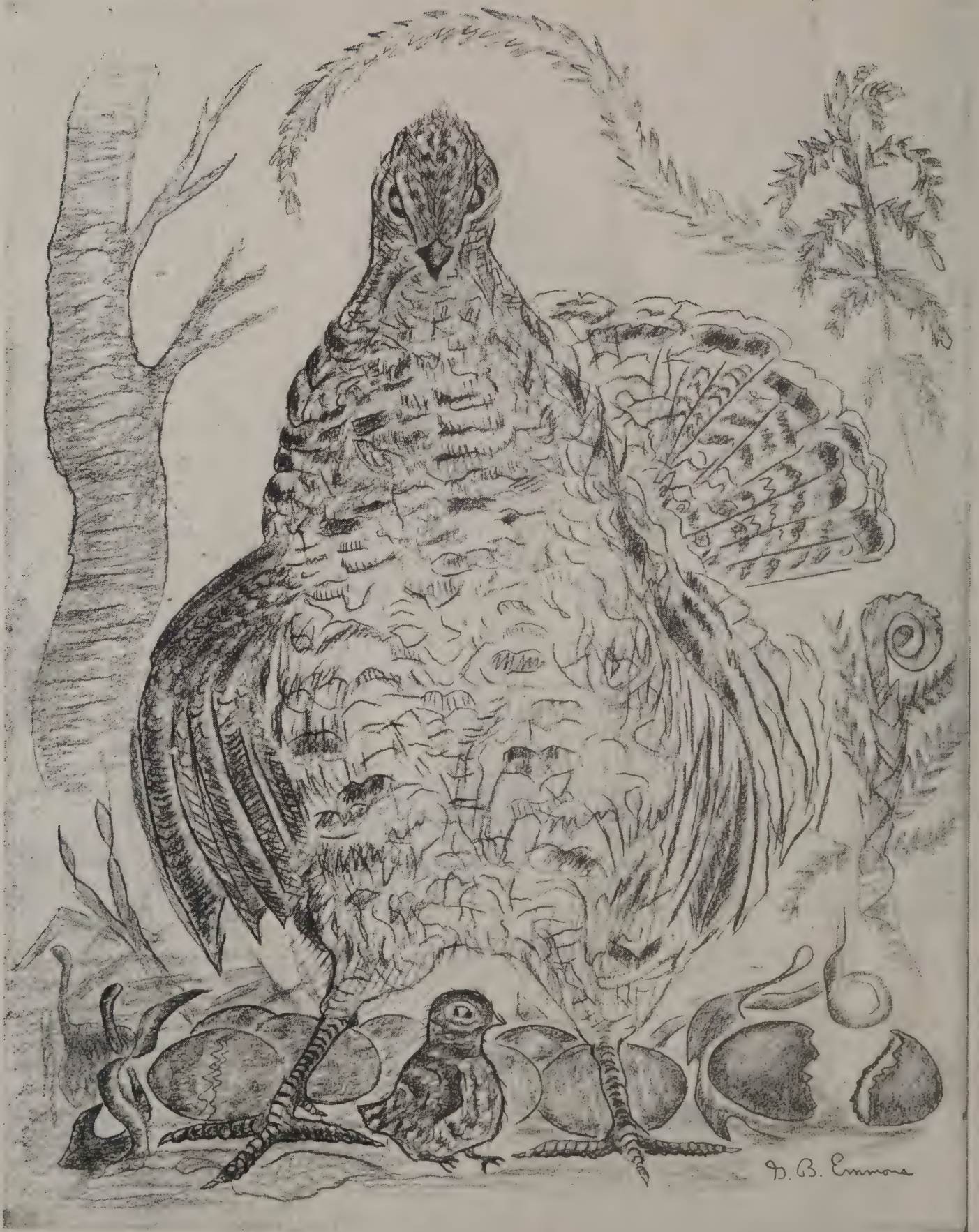


fatal spores and this young tree shows a blistering and cracking in the bark, which means it is not long for this world—at least in its above-ground parts. The tree will die and fall, but the roots survive and send up more sprouts. The trouble is,

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Unborn Spring

Hatching conditions for ground-nesting wild birds during the first two months of spring have been cold and wet, with some sleet and hail, just when we thought Mother Nature had entered a favorable realm of primordial maternity with the vernal equinox, when the Earth itself was so perfectly balanced on its axis that the hours of light and shadow were of equal length, and an egg could be made to stand upright on a flat surface. But the pendulum of the meteorological scales had to reverse the disastrous drought of last winter, just in time. In any event, a second nesting may now have begun for chicks, ducklings, and poults.

At the very edge of Wellman Road, where it splits off from Gould Farm Road, a pair of killdeer plovers have been guarding a nest of four spotted eggs, using the usual broken-wing ruse to draw attention away. Hopefully they will be rewarded, but a pair of Canada geese in the little pond just beyond the ploughed field have only one gosling to show for their parental vigil. A single egg is perhaps the smallest cell of life, and it requires warmth, which is why snapping turtles often lay their eggs in sand near road surfaces that absorb heat from the sun. It is solar energy that has through the ages procreated these living descendants of earlier egg-layers, the dinosaurs and reptilians.

Down at Lowland Farm, by the hay fields that border Rawson Brook, woodcocks, another ground-nesting migratory

bird, have been in residence since early April, but they came too soon. When it subsequently snowed, they gathered in small pools of surface water, the only places where they could get their long bills into the soft soil, for earthworms. By this time we usually see spectacular aerial acrobatics, just at sunset, when the male spirals up hundreds of feet, circles, and then plummets down to the nesting hen, singing as it descends. If the hen feels the nest's location has been or might be discovered by an intruder, she will relocate it by carrying each of the four eggs to the new location, carefully grasped between her legs, flying close to the ground.

Local fishermen who have lived here all their lives tell me they been surprised to see rainbow trout spawning in the few remaining gravel beds (called redds) in the Konkapot River. The hens scoop out a shallow place to deposit their eggs, and the male hovers overhead to fertilize them with milt. However just the other day, the usual favorite angling pools were submerged under a deluge of boiling currents. There is a saying that "Spring may be a little late this year" If there is any rhyme or reason to the seasonal consequences, the answers are probably written in the stars.

As planets

in the heavens

encircle each other

*the demise of one cycle on Earth
is but the beginning of another.*

— George Emmons

Achieve Your Goals by Doing Nothing

I often begin my coaching sessions with sitting in silence with my clients. A few minutes of quiet and stillness invites a sense of clarity to the coaching session. The clarity gained from this simple practice can help in making decisions that translate into potent action steps. When these action steps are performed, they help shape a future that is deliberate and fulfilling.

As a self-care habit, I request most of my clients to include daily meditation and link this time of "doing nothing" to their ability to achieve goals. The beneficial effects of meditation are cumulative. I began my meditative journey in 1974 and have sustained a daily practice through many peaks and valleys in this routine. Here is some practical advice that will help you start and maintain a regular meditation discipline.

- * Practice daily for the most benefit, preferably with two sessions per day.
- * Choose a room in your living space that is quiet and conducive for meditation.
- * Make requests of your family or housemates not to disturb you during your meditation times. A small sign on the door can serve as a reminder that "meditation is in progress."
- * Try to schedule your meditation times at the same time each day to develop a rhythm and momentum for a sustainable practice.

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* It is easier to enter a meditative state when you are a little hungry and slightly tired so before lunch and before dinner make ideal meditation time slots.

There are many effective meditation techniques that have evolved since ancient times, and I have experimented with many of them. The "doing nothing" method works the best for me. I once participated in a ten-day meditation training session to learn this simple way. Here are the highlights. The way we fall asleep is similar to the way we enter meditation. We cannot force or will ourselves to fall asleep. We merely provide the appropriate conditions, such as lights out, prone position and a quiet room, and we can then enter the sleep state without efforting. The same is true for entering deeper meditative states. We can only provide the appropriate conditions to have this happen, but we cannot force or will it. Here are some of the conditions.

- * Sit comfortably with your spine erect.
- * Close your eyes and take a few long, slow breaths.
- * I usually affirm that the world we live in is sacred and that for now there is nothing to do.
- * Let go and then simply do nothing. If the phone rings, if you start thinking or worrying, mentally planning an event or daydreaming, simply do nothing.
- * Allow for 15-20 minutes of sitting for each session, placing a clock in view.
- * At the end of your sitting, slowly open your eyes, then close them again. After

a minute or so, again open your eyes and do a few easy stretches. Gradually stand up and reenter the active, external world, refreshed and ready to go.

There are many mental, physical, and spiritual benefits to practicing meditation that have been extensively documented in scientific studies. Some benefits that you may experience are spontaneously going into deeper and deeper states of relaxation and stillness and having periods of deep peace and a thoughtless mind. You also may experience a more organized thought process, more physical energy, heightened creativity, and a greater sense of calmness. These can help you to be more productive in your life with an enhanced ability to attain goals.

Here is my coaching piece on this subject. If you have practiced meditation in the past but have discontinued for some reason, jump-start a new segment of meditating this week and notice the change in your daily experience of life. If you are new at this ancient practice, experiment on your own or seek out a qualified instructor who can help you get started. The Kripalu Center in Lenox, the Insight Meditation Center in Shutesbury, MA, or the Vipassana Center in Shelbourne Falls, MA, are a few regional organizations that offer courses in meditation.

So, get going with meditation, or should I say, start "doing nothing"?

— Michael Johnson

The Thread of the Story The Gould Farm Raffle Quilt

Six times a year, the Berkshire Quilt Guild offers the opportunity for members to create a "Block of the Month." Participants take the given pattern and the single unifying fabric, and consider other creative options for creating the block. Two months later, we bring the finished blocks to the guild meeting. One of the makers gets to take them all home.

Early last summer, we were given a pattern to trace on a piece of muslin and asked to use embroidery thread and a self-chosen scrap of 1930s-style printed cotton to create an image of a happy homestead. So it isn't all Pam Johnson's fault. Not entirely.

When Pam won the drawing, she could have decided to keep the hand-embroidered quilt blocks herself. But the Monterey Piecemakers were scouting around for an intriguing idea for our next community benefit raffle quilt. Pam didn't have to offer her winnings to a good

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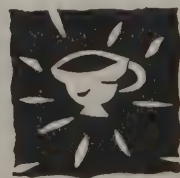
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cause. The rest of the Piecemakers didn't have to agree to take on the challenge. But she did, and we did.

First the Piecemakers (Marcia Doelman, Jan Emmons, Pam Johnson, MaryKate Jordan, Gige O'Connell, Glynis Oliver, and Barbara Tryon) auditioned fabrics for the traditional "attic window" settings to complete each block. And lively auditions they were! Once all the colors were chosen and the blocks were finished, we debated the appropriate spot in the quilt for each one. Of course, we changed our minds. And changed them back again, or close to it.

Happily, over the years, we've developed a great delight in each other's unique gifts, and in the quality and expression of each other's opinions. Once all was settled, we stitched the blocks into rows, stitched the rows into a rectangle, added and embroidered the borders. Eventually, we got to quilting and then to binding the marvelous full-to-queen-sized bed quilt you see here.

When we asked the folks at Gould Farm if they were willing to raffle the quilt to benefit the Gould Farm community, they didn't have to agree to take on all that work, either. But they did. So I guess we're all to blame for all the good that will come out of this adventure.

And I didn't have to suggest at the start of this project that we could use the quilt as the basis for a great presentation at the guild's June 2002 meeting. (Not to mention give the guild members the opportunity to buy some tickets.) But I did, and we will.

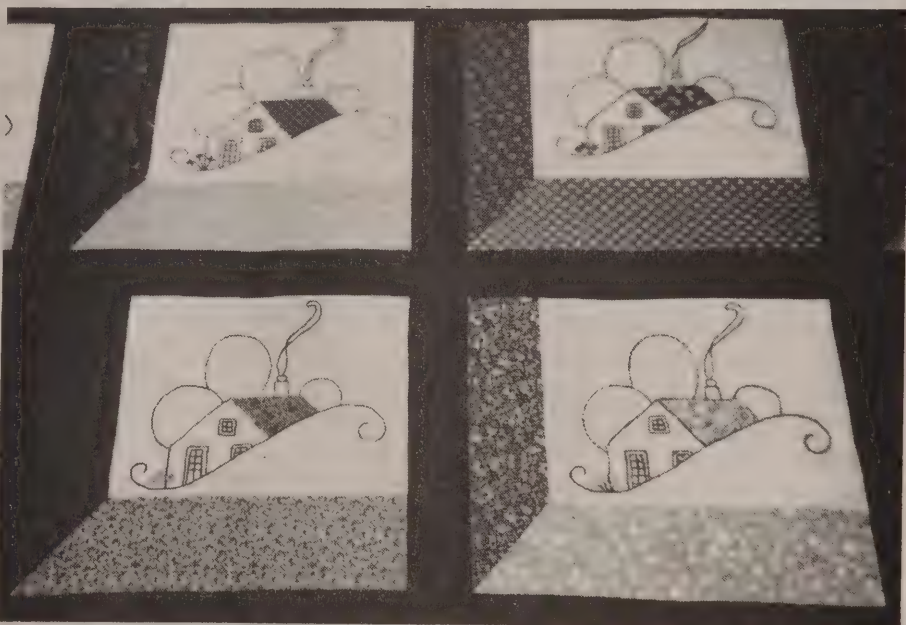
You'll have the opportunity to buy tickets, too. From now through October 5, when the raffle will be held, the Gould Farm Raffle Quilt will be on display, in person or via poster photo, at functions in Monterey and various other places around south county. Contact Gould Farm if you have further questions about the raffle.

Maybe one of the quilt guild members will win the quilt. Maybe it will be Pam. Or maybe it will be you.

— MaryKate Jordan



Will Marsh



Glynis Oliver

Top: Gige O'Connell sells Muriel Lazzarini raffle ticket for "Attic Windows" quilt created by Monterey Piecemakers. Bottom: Quilt detail. The raffle is to benefit the Gould Farm community.

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Personal Notes

Birthday salutations to **Todd Bynack** on the 8th, **Kay Pratt** on the 13th, **Nicole Andrus** on the 14th, **Michael Bynack** and **John Higgins** on the 16th, **Sandy Gottlieb** on the 18th, **Chris Blair** and **Pam Gauthier Morrison** on the 19th, **Jane Thorn** on the 23rd, **Colm Higgins** on the 28th and **Grace Mendel** on the 30th.

Happy Anniversary to **Stephen and Mari Enoch** on the 12th, **Dean and Fran Amidon** on the 18th, **Sandy and Rita Gottlieb** on the 21st, **Dan and Betsy Andrus** on the 26th.

Congratulations to **Arthur and Heather Hebert** of Larkspur, California, on the birth of their son, **Gunnar Robert**, born February 9, 2002. Proud grandparents are **Robert and Linda Hebert** of Tyringham Rd.

Congratulations go to **Annabel Edelman** for achieving high honors for the past three quarters at Lenox Memorial High School. Annabel is being honored June 8th at Clark University Awards Ceremony for outstanding performance on the SATs in Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth-Talent Search 2002. Keep up the good work!

Speaking of talent, there was an abundance of it showcased at Ozawa Hall on May 8th as the Berkshire Bach Society presented Antonio Vivaldi's *Gloria* featuring the combined choruses of Mount Everett and Monument Mountain along with the Mount Everett Madrigal Singers

and Monument Mountain's orchestra. Choristers from Monterey were **Jessica Hupp**, **Claire Mielke**, **Adam Schoenfarber**, and **Christina Vallianos**. **Emma Kales** performed a violin solo in the "Domine Deus" segment. It was an outstanding evening.

The Performing Arts Dept. of Mount Everett just concluded a three day run of *The Music Man, Jr.* This fifth- through eighth-grade production included over ninety students either acting, directing or in technical work. Monterey students **Christopher Dinan**, **Dinah Mielke**, **Emily Shaw**, and **Katy Olds**, granddaughter of **Storrs and Shirley Olds** of Blue Hill Road were in the cast. Many in the audience will be humming "76 Trombones" for days afterward!

Bob Gauthier acknowledged at last! Bob is acknowledged as "History Teacher Extraordinaire" in a new children's book, *The Evolution of Merucia*. The 130-page illustrated book, (historical fiction of a sort) was written by Bob's former Mount Everett student and former Monterey resident **Peg O'Connor Burt**. More information on the book can be found by logging on to www.BurtsBooks.com.

Congratulations to **Tara Mielke Johnson** on her graduation from UMass, Amherst. Tara received her bachelor of science, *cum laude*, in Wildlife and Fisheries Conservation Biology. Tara resides in Monterey with her husband Chris and son Gavin.

— Deborah Mielke

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Every Monday (except holidays): Select Board meeting, 8:30 a.m. – noon, Town Offices.

Every Saturday through summer: Mass, 7 p.m., Roman Catholic Chapel of Our Lady of the Hills, Beartown Mountain Road.

Tuesdays–Saturdays and Holidays: Bidwell House Museum open for tours, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., Art School Road, Monterey.

Friday, June 7: Monterey Food Co-op order distribution and pickup, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Meetinghouse basement.

Saturday, June 8: Black Fly Celebration, Tolland Center, Route 57. Family fun all day, beginning at 9 a.m. Information (413) 258-4794 or www.blackflyday.com.

Household hazardous waste collection, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Lee Dept. of Public Works, 45 Railroad St., Lee. Preregistration required. Information, registration 1-800-238-1221. See p. 6.

Sunday, June 9: Bhavani in concert, 2:30 p.m., Monterey Meetinghouse. Tickets at door. Information available at www.montereychurch.org.

Thursday, June 13: Community potluck dinner, 6 p.m., Meetinghouse fellowship hall. Everyone invited, please come. The after-dinner program will be a presentation on Japanese flower arranging by Myrna Rosen. See p. 5.

Free blood pressure clinic, 2:30–3:30 p.m., Town Hall, administered by Visiting Nurses Assoc.

The Observer

April 26–May 25, 2002

High temp. (5/25) 79°
 Low temp. (4/27) 26°
 Avg. high temp. 59.1°
 Avg. low temp. 36°
 Avg. temp. 47.6°
 Total precipitation
 (rain and melted snow) 6.45"
 Snowfall 3"
 Precipitation occurred on 19 days.

Saturday, June 15: Lake Garfield Assoc. meeting, 9–11 a.m. Firehouse. Everyone welcome. See p. 4.

Sunday, June 16: Workshop on Jesus as presented by Gospel writers, 11:30 a.m., Meetinghouse fellowship hall. Bring sandwich; tea and coffee available. Information 528-5850 or www.montereychurch.org.

Friday, June 21: Summer solstice. Lecture by David Dashiell, "Where Did They Go? Sanitation in Western Civilization," 7:30 p.m., Monterey Historical Society, General Knox Museum at Monterey Library. See p. 4.

Saturday, June 22: Square and contra dancing, 8:30–11:30 p.m., Sheffield Grange, Rt. 7, Sheffield, Mass. Music by Mountain Laurel, calling by Jeff Walker. All dances are taught, beginners and children are welcome. Refreshments at intermission. Adults \$6, children \$3. Information 528-9385.

Monday, June 24: Full Moon.

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